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Edmonton's home values rise in 2012

Slight increase. Assessment notices mailed to Edmonton property owners this week

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The city's property assessment results have revealed homes in Edmonton are worth slightly more than in 2011.

The typical single-family home in Edmonton is assessed at \$364,000, a 1.3 per cent increase over the previous year, according to the city's Assessment and Taxation Branch.

Assessment values reflect the market values as of July 1, 2012.

Rod Risling, manager of the city's Assessment and Taxation Branch, said on Wednesday the data demon-

Property assessment

- Property owners are urged to review their property's assessed value and call 311 if they have concerns.
- The average assessment for single-family homes increased the most in Ritchie, Cromdale and Rural West Big Lake.

strates the housing market has become more constant.

"The market is somewhat stabilized, which is a good news story from an assessment perspective and probably good news from a property owner's perspective as well," he said.

"It's more stable. People can predict more easily what's going to happen."

The assessed value of condominiums, townhouses and duplexes rose

0.5 per cent and the assessed value of apartment buildings (four or more suites) increased by six per cent.

Risling cautioned that the assessment notices homeowners will receive in the mail are not property tax bills.

"It's an assessment of what your property would have been worth if sold on the valuation date, which is July 1, 2012," he said.

The assessment is the mechanism used by the city to determine a property owner's share of municipal taxes and the provincial education tax.

Risling said looking at the budget passed by city council in December, the homeowner of a typical \$364,000 home which saw the average 1.3 per cent market increase will pay approximately \$60 more per year, or \$5 per month on their annual city taxes.



THE FINAL FOUR

Team Canada goalie Malcolm Subban looks up ice during practice at the IIHF World Junior Championships in Ufa, Russia, on Wednesday. The Canadians faced off against the U.S. squad early this morning. For more details, visit metronews.ca. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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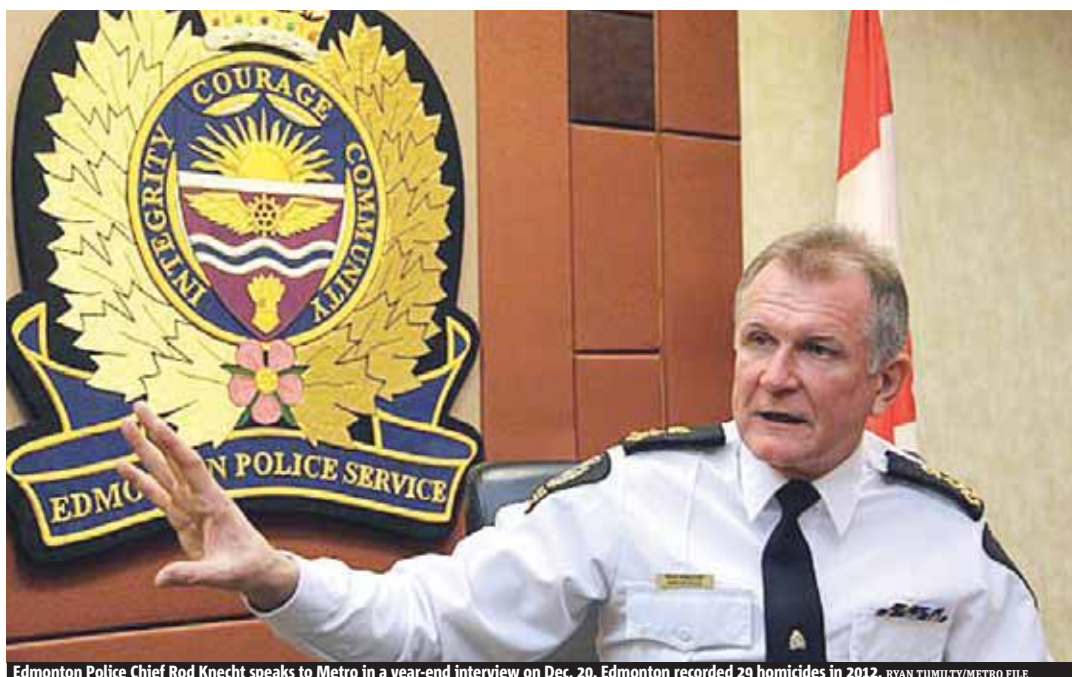
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Edmonton Police Chief Rod Knecht speaks to Metro in a year-end interview on Dec. 20. Edmonton recorded 29 homicides in 2012. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO FILE

City ends 2012 with 29 homicides

Brighter note.
Numbers went down significantly from 2011

One year after Edmonton was labeled murder capital of Canada with a record-setting 48 homicides, the city recorded 29 homicides in 2012, and the chief hopes the year prior was an aberration.

Edmonton's homicide rate decreased significantly from 2011 and even dropped below Edmonton's 10 year average of 32 homicides per year.

The 2012 total of 29 homicides includes the fatal shooting of an alleged bank robber by police on Dec. 11.

In 2009 and 2010 there were 27 homicides, a decrease from

2005 to 2008 when there were more than 30 homicides each year.

In a recent year-end interview Police Chief Rod Knecht said factors including deploying Community Action Teams (C.A.T.) to high-risk neighbourhoods and increasing enforcement downtown through police blitzes has driven the homicide rate down from 2011.

Knecht said he hopes the extremely high number of homicides in 2011 was an abnormality.

"You'd have to wait a couple more years to see if it was an anomaly," he said.

"And, I hope this year is not an anomaly ... Let's hope we can continue to drive down the homicide rate as best we can."

The 29 people murdered in

Edmonton in 2012 ranged in age from 16 to 50.

The highest-profile incident of 2012 was the triple shooting of three G4S employees at the University of Alberta's HUB Mall on June 15.

The first homicide of 2012 happened Feb. 19 when Welid Sahle Meskel was found dead near 101 Street and 134 Avenue. The last homicide of 2012 was that of John Hollar, who was beaten to death Dec. 28 on the LRT.

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The cases

- Twenty-four of the homicides in Edmonton in 2012 were men and five were women.
- High profile cases include the daylight shooting of 33-year-old Dale Maloney on Jasper Avenue following an argument with strangers "over nothing."
- The deadliest months were June and September, which each saw five homicides.

Elections Alberta

Election donations investigation results to be released by month's end

Alberta's chief electoral officer is to post results of his investigations into election campaign donations by the end of this month.

Elections Alberta says Brian Fjeldheim is to release details about any violations by Jan. 31 on the office's website elections.ab.ca.

He is also to disclose any allegations that prove to be unfounded if the subject of a complaint requests that he do so.

Amendments passed in the legislature's fall sitting gave Fjeldheim the power to publicly name names and give details on election campaign violations.

The government said he had that power all along, but Fjeldheim had a different interpretation of the rules.

The Election Accountability Amendment Act also allows him to report retroactively on funding violators going back three years.

Donations and their source became a hot-potato issue for the governing Tories last year — especially after allegations that they broke election rules by accepting a \$430,000 contribution from Edmonton Oilers owner Daryl Katz. The maximum individual amount is \$30,000.

Fjeldheim has investigated and issued fines in dozens of cases but refused to make the names public or to hand any of his cases over to the Justice Department for formal prosecution under the Election Act.

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Stranger knocking. Police warning public after door-to-door thefts

Edmonton police are asking residents not to allow strangers inside their homes after a thief has been allegedly going door-to-door in the west end and stealing electronics.

"Be aware of suspicious activity in your community," said Staff Sgt. Dale Fenrich with West Division's Criminal Investigation Section in a press release Wednesday.

"This type of crime is preventable and people should take the proper precautions to protect themselves."

EPS are looking for Shaun Allan Cartwright, 31, who is wanted on warrants for fraud and breach of recogni-

Distractions

Police said a man has been going to homes in west Edmonton asking for cash for a tow truck or locksmith, or to use a personal computer.

- EPS said that while residents go to get cash for the suspect, he allegedly takes laptops, music players, phones and tablets.

zance. Cartwright is a Caucasian male, 31-years-old, 5'9" and about 155 lbs with dirty blond or brown hair. **METRO**

Voyeurism

Man charged after cameras found in change rooms

A 27-year-old man is facing several charges after cameras were found in change rooms in two Edmonton-area malls.

Strathcona RCMP said the camera was discovered

Dec. 17 adjacent to a change room in Sherwood Park Mall. Police discovered thirteen incidents in the Sherwood Park Mall as well as Londonderry Mall in Edmonton, all on Dec. 17, 2012.

Joshua Meilleur of Edmonton has been charged with 12 counts of voyeurism, one count of making child pornography, as well as firearm offences. **METRO**

Youth shelter facing cuts due to funding shortfall



Sue Keating of Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) stands in a dorm at the organization's headquarters, Wednesday. YESS will have to cut programming due to a funding shortfall. LAURIE CALLEN/METRO

Help. Essential programming for at-risk youth likely to be scaled back



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One of North America's unique youth support services may see a dramatic decrease in programming after the third year of funding shortfalls.

Currently, Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) has met 62 per cent

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"We believe that these kids really, truly are our potential civic leaders, and it has a big impact when the kids know that the community believes in their future."

Sue Keating, YESS associate executive director

of its \$1 million goal, with a deadline of Jan. 17. Associate Executive Director Sue Keating said that due to the funding shortfall, the organization might see programming cuts and shorter hours for some services if the budget can't be met.

"We've pulled the rabbit out of the hat for the last two years. (We've) been able to keep all programs running at the levels they've been running at, but we simply can't do it anymore. What we're finding is that ... there's nothing left for us to cut."

YESS has been part of the Edmonton community for 30 years and works with youth to teach life skills, provides emergency and longer-term housing, as well as support for healthy living.

Keating said most YESS clients don't have open case files with the Alberta government, meaning that if the programming isn't there, there's nowhere else to turn to.

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Chris Christie speaks at a news conference at New Jersey's State House on Wednesday in Trenton, N.J. Christie blasted fellow Republican John Boehner for the House Speaker's decision Tuesday to delay a vote on Superstorm Sandy relief and says the inaction is "inexcusable." NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congress to vote Friday on Superstorm Sandy aid

Rebuilding stage. Money from House votes could result in a roughly \$60-billion relief package

The leader of the U.S. House agreed Wednesday to a vote this week on aid for Superstorm Sandy recovery, changing course after coming under intense pressure from angry fellow Republicans.

House Speaker John Boehner will schedule a vote Friday for \$9 billion for the national flood insurance program and another on Jan. 15 for a remaining \$51 billion in the package,

Republican Rep. Peter King of New York said after emerging from a meeting with Boehner and Republican lawmakers from New York and New Jersey. The votes will be taken by the new Congress that will be sworn in Thursday.

Boehner's decision Tuesday night to cancel an expected vote on the storm aid before Congress ends its current session had provoked a firestorm of criticism from New York, New Jersey and adjacent states, including many lawmakers in his own party.

According to King, Boehner explained that after the contentious vote this week to avoid major tax increases and spending cuts called the "fiscal cliff," Boehner didn't think

it was the right time to schedule the vote before the current Congress went out of business.

King left the session with Boehner without the anger that led him to lash out at the speaker Tuesday night.

"What's done is done. The end result will be New York, New Jersey and Connecticut will receive the funding they deserve. We made our position clear last night. That's in the past," King said.

Sandy was blamed for at least 120 deaths and battered coastline areas from North Carolina to Maine in October. New York, New Jersey and Connecticut were the hardest-hit states and suffered high winds, flooding and storm surges.

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On the table

The House Appropriations Committee has drafted a smaller, \$27-billion measure for immediate recovery needs and a second amendment for \$33 billion to meet longer-term needs.

- The \$9 billion in flood insurance money to be voted on was originally in the \$27-billion measure.
- The votes on Jan. 15 will be for \$18 billion in immediate assistance and \$33 billion for longer-term projects, including protection against future storms.

Court battle. Sperm donor could be on the hook for child support payments

A sperm donor in the U.S. is fighting an effort to force him to pay child support for a child conceived through artificial insemination by a lesbian couple.

When 46-year-old William Marotta donated sperm to Angela Bauer and Jennifer Schreiner in 2009, Marotta relinquished all parental rights, including financial responsibility to the child. When Bauer and Schreiner filed for state assistance in Kansas this year, the state demanded the donor's name so it could collect child support for the now three-year-old girl.

The state contends the agreement between Marotta and the women is not valid because Kansas law requires a licensed physician to perform artificial insemination.

"If a sperm donor makes his contribution through a licensed physician and a child is conceived, the donor is held harmless under state statute. In cases where the parties do not go through a physician or a clinic, there remains the question of who actually is the father of a child or children," Angela de Rocha, a spokeswoman for the Kansas Department for



William Marotta is being asked to pay child support after providing sperm to a same-sex couple.

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Children and Families, said in a statement.

Bauer and Schreiner have said they fully support Marotta's efforts to fight the state's request. When Bauer was diagnosed in March with what she calls "a significant illness" that prevents her from working, Schreiner sought health insurance for their daughter from the state. The DCF told Schreiner if she didn't provide the sperm donor's name, it would deny any health benefits because she was withholding information.

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Movie theatre shooting. Families of victims reject invitation to reopening

Relatives of the majority of people killed in a Colorado movie theatre rejected an invitation on Wednesday to attend its reopening this month, calling it a "disgusting offer" that came at a terrible time — right after the first Christmas without their loved ones.

The parents, grandparents, cousins and widow of nine of the 12 people killed said they were asked to attend an "evening of remembrance" followed by a movie when the Aurora theatre reopens on Jan.

17. They released a letter sent to the theatre's owner, Cinemark, in which they criticized the Texas-based company for not previously reaching out to them to offer condolences and refusing to meet with them without lawyers.

"Our family members will never be on this earth with us again and a movie ticket and some token words from people who didn't care enough to reach out to us ... is appalling," the letter said.

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Fatal crash

Paparazzo killed trying to snap Bieber photo

A paparazzo was struck and killed by a car while darting across a street after taking pictures of Justin Bieber's Ferrari when it was pulled over along a freeway in Los Angeles, police said Wednesday.

Bieber was not in the car at the time. The singer later said his prayers were with the family of the 29-year-old photographer.

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New Year's Day

3 teens dead after alleged plane joyride

Authorities believe that a trio of U.S. teenagers took a small airplane on a joyride without permission before it crashed, killing them all. The plane crashed Tuesday night in Alabama.

"I think they were just looking for a thrill, and they had their last one," Walker County sheriff's Chief Deputy James Painter said.

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Mishandling debt could be 'catastrophic': Obama



U.S. stocks surged as traders around the globe felt renewed confidence over global markets after Congress reached a deal to avert the fiscal cliff. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

A last-minute deal in Congress to avoid the economy-shaking "fiscal cliff" sent world stocks climbing Wednesday, but doesn't solve the problem of the massive U.S. deficit, meaning other battles on deep spending cuts and the federal debt limit loom in the coming weeks and months.

All the major U.S. stock indexes jumped by at least two per cent, and the Dow Jones industrial average saw its biggest surge in six months.

A smiling President Barack Obama said he would sign the law "that raises taxes on the wealthiest two per cent of

Americans while preventing tax hikes that could have sent the economy back into recession." Then he left for Hawaii to resume his holiday break.

Congress also will have to act as early as February on raising the \$16.4-trillion federal borrowing limit, which will allow the country to pay its bills.

The U.S. officially hit that debt limit Monday. "If Congress refuses to give the United States government the ability to pay these bills on time, the consequences for the entire global economy would be catastrophic — far worse than the impact of a fiscal cliff," Obama said.

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Northern perspective

"Canada welcomes the agreement reached between the president and the Congress.... That said, there remain ... significant risks to the U.S. economic outlook."



Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

Android app tracks tsunami debris

Coastbuster. Research group wants users to take photos of possible wreckage from Japan and send it to them

With more than a million tonnes of debris from the Japanese tsunami floating toward North American shores and beaches, a new app is encouraging members of the public to become "citizen scientists" and help track the wreckage as it arrives.

Some of that debris, washed out to sea in March 2011 after a magnitude 9.0 earthquake triggered a massive tsunami, has already washed up along the west coast of Canada and the United States, but the bulk of the wreckage is yet to come.

When it does, researchers at the University of Victoria want anyone who happens upon a piece of the wreckage to pull out their smartphone, snap a photo and record



The Coastbuster app for the Android operating system, pictured, encourages the public to help track debris from the Japanese tsunami as it floats toward North American shores. COASTBUSTER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

what they see using a new app called Coastbuster. Ocean

Cleanup planning

"It allows any managers, whether it's local government, provincial or state government, to actually begin to plan how they're going to clean it up."

Kate Moran, president of research group Ocean Networks Canada.

Networks Canada, a research group based at the university, developed the free Coastbuster app, which is currently only available on Android phones, though an iPhone version is in the works.

The information goes into a database that can be accessed by local governments and the U.S.-based National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The photos are also posted to a special Flickr feed for the app.

Researchers say the information will allow governments to co-ordinate local clean-up efforts, as well as help identify potential invasive species that may have hitched a ride on the debris.

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Stand up and be counted

Keeper Sarah Hall helps count some of the meerkats Wednesday as part of the annual stock take at Bristol Zoo in Bristol, England. The annual animal "census" is carried out at the start of each year and includes stocktaking of more than 400 species — from tiny insects, fish and birds, to seals, gorillas and monkeys. MATT CARDY/GETTY IMAGES

Traffic lights

New rule deems yellow the new red in China

Drivers in China are seeing red over a new crack-down on running through intersections when the lights are yellow. While announcing new rules that double the penalty for traffic light violations, officials said running a yellow light will now be considered equivalent to running a red one.

Irate drivers complained online about the dangers of stopping short in front of other drivers or the inconvenience of always having to slow down at intersections.

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Stargazing in Iran

Island to be site of dark sky area

Iran aims to set up its first dark sky area on an island in the Persian Gulf to promote astronomical research and tourism.

The director of Iran Sky Party, Hooman Najafi, was quoted as saying Wednesday the so-called dark sky park — an area kept free of artificial light pollution to promote astronomy and stargazing — will be established on Qeshm, the biggest Iranian island in the Gulf.

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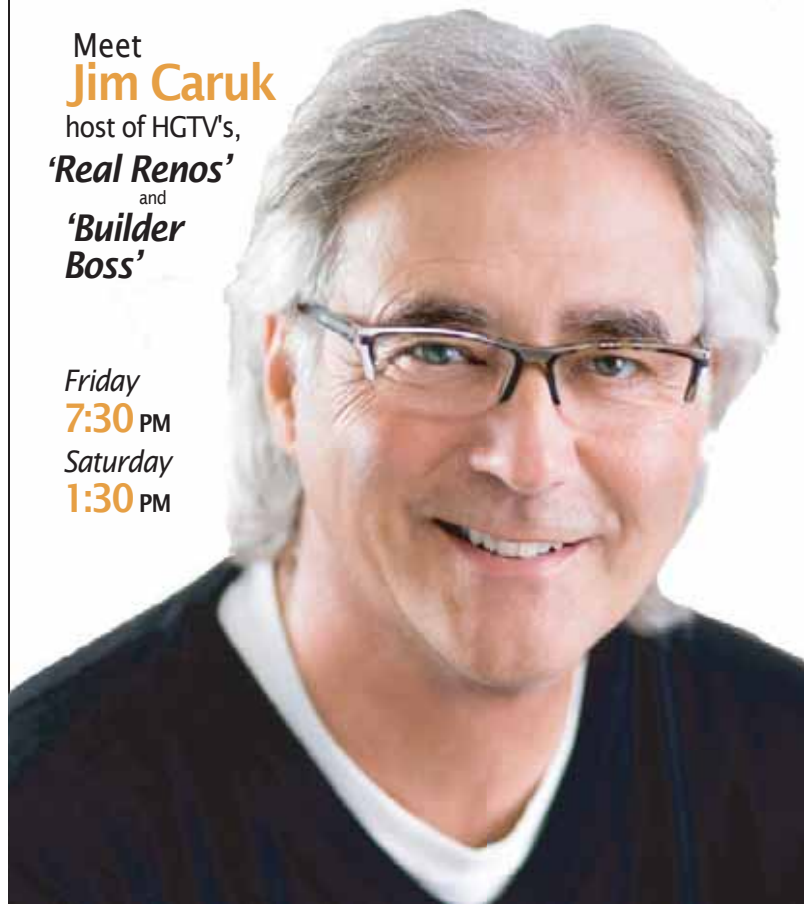
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Newtown kids will return to class in new 'Sandy Hook'

Shooting survivors.

School in neighbouring town has been renamed, renovated and garrisoned by a team of police officers

The children who escaped last month's shootings at a Connecticut elementary school will be returning to classes in a neighbouring town in a refurbished school now named after their old one, school officials said Wednesday.

Newtown Superintendent of Schools Janet Rob-

inson announced that the students' new school, the former Chalk Hill Middle School in Monroe, has been renamed Sandy Hook Elementary School. She said the Sandy Hook staff made that decision.

"That's who they are. They're the Sandy Hook family," Robinson said after a news conference at a park in Monroe a few kilometres from the school, which will open for classes Thursday morning. An open house was held for parents and students on Wednesday.

Robinson added that renaming the Chalk Hill school will allow staff and students to keep "their identity and a comfort level."

The school where the shootings occurred remains closed and guarded by police. Newtown officials haven't decided yet on the building's future.

It's been nearly three weeks since the Dec. 14 massacre, when gunman Adam

Lanza killed 20 students and six educators.

Numerous police officers on Wednesday guarded the outside of the Monroe school, which is about 11 kilometres from the old school.

Teams of workers, many of them volunteers, prepared the Chalk Hill school with fresh paint and new furniture and even raised bathroom floors so the smaller elementary school students can reach the toilets. The students' desks, backpacks and other belongings that were left behind following the shooting were taken to the new school to make them feel at home.

Several signs welcoming the Sandy Hook students to their new school were posted along the road leading to the school in a rural, mostly residential neighbourhood. One said, "Welcome Sandy Hook Elementary Kids," while a similar sign added, "You are in our prayers."

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Counsellors say it's important for children to get back to a normal routine. JESSICA HILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On guard

"I think right now it has to be the safest school in America."

Monroe police Lt. Keith White on the level of security at the new school

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The scene on Dec. 17 after a mortar shell hit a street, killing several people in the Bustan Al-Qasr district of Aleppo, Syria. NARCISO CONTRERAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

'We have fiddled ... while Syria burns': UN official

Syrian uprising.
UN human rights chief estimates 60,000 people have died

The United Nations estimated Wednesday that more than 60,000 people have been killed in Syria's 21-month-old uprising against authoritarian rule, a toll one-third higher than what anti-regime activists had counted. The UN human rights chief called the toll "truly shocking."

Opposition activist groups had been estimating the death toll at more than 45,000 and this was the first time that the UN estimate was higher.

"Given there has been no let up in the conflict since the end of November, we can assume that more than 60,000

people have been killed by the beginning of 2013," UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said in a statement. "The number of casualties is much higher than we expected and is truly shocking," she added.

"The failure of the international community, in particular the Security Council, to take concrete actions to stop the blood-letting, shames us all," Pillay said. "Collectively, we have fiddled at the edges while Syria burns."

The real death toll is likely to be even greater because reports containing incomplete information were excluded and a significant number of killings may not have been documented at all by the sources available.

"There are many names not on the list for people who were quietly shot in the

Deadly conflagration

A regime airstrike on a gas station in a Damascus suburb on Wednesday pushed the death toll even higher.

- Anti-government activists said dozens were killed when the strike ignited an inferno and left behind a gruesome trail of charred bodies.

- It may be the bloodiest attack in weeks.

woods," Pillay's spokesman Rupert Colville told The Associated Press.

The data, which didn't distinguish among soldiers, rebels and civilians, also show that the killing in Syria has accelerated.

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Banned weapons

Canada opens gun trade to Colombia

Just one day before last month's massacre in Newtown, Conn., Canada offered its gun merchants "new market opportunities" to export banned assault weapons to Colombia, one of the world's most violent countries.

Canada quietly eased its ban after Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird recommended an order amending the Automatic Firearms Country Control List. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lost. Woman missing for months allegedly killed in Pakistan over finances

A lawyer says a Canadian-Indian woman missing since August has been killed in eastern Pakistan.

The woman, Rajvinder Gill, went to Pakistan to try to settle a financial dispute but disappeared.

Her father went to the police after she didn't contact her family for weeks.

The lawyer, Aftab Bajwa, who represents the woman's father, said the police chief of the eastern city of Lahore

told a court Wednesday that a suspect confessed to killing the woman.

A police officer said the suspect confessed to working with a German of Pakistani origin who was involved in the dispute, and together they killed the woman.

The suspect said the second man has fled the country.

Police have not yet managed to locate the woman.

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A flag-carrying Idle No More protester watches as police divert traffic around a blockade set up in Winnipeg on Wednesday. The demonstration lasted three hours and forced traffic on the Trans-Canada Highway to be rerouted around the Perimeter Highway. SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

What is the point of Idle No More?

Restless natives.

Organizers say national movement is about protecting all Canadians, not just First Nations



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Metro in Winnipeg

While the Idle No More protests gain steam around the world, many Canadians still don't know what it's all about.

Dave Sauer, president of the Winnipeg Labour Council, said the issues being raised by the Idle No More protests, specifically the federal government's Bill C-45, affect Canadians of all backgrounds — and should therefore interest them.

"As a trade unionist, we live and die by our ... agreements," Sauer said. "The treaties that

we've made with the First Nations of this country ... right now it's pretty obvious that those are not being followed through on, one end is not honouring the agreement."

Sauer said many of the non-aboriginal people at the Idle No More events share the concern that the Canadian government, led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, isn't talking with Canadians and is changing the country through large omnibus bills that don't get enough debate before being passed into law.

"That's a bridge that's starting to be built between First Nations and non-First Nations activism," Sauer said, adding the Canadian Labour Congress has endorsed Idle No More.

"If you look at the changes to the Navigable Waters Act, we have a lot of river systems now, especially in Manitoba, that are no longer protected, that I know a lot of non-First

What they want

The organizers of Idle No More mostly want meaningful dialogue between politicians and First Nations.

- They say things like the Conservative Government removing key environmental protection of the vast majority of waterways in Canada is a violation of their treaty rights and want them reversed.
- Organizers also hope the Idle No More protests will spur Canadians to become more educated about treaty rights and galvanize youth of all races to action.

Nations people use, whether it's for transportation or recreation."

Owner of lost lobsters and gifts tracked down

Stacey Nash's Christmas vacation involved missing lobsters, the police and one thoughtful bus driver.

"This will be a story we'll never forget," Nash said.

On Wednesday morning, Halifax Regional Police issued a release asking for the public's help in finding the owner of a suitcase filled with frozen lobsters and Christmas gifts.

A Metro Transit driver had turned it into police before noon after spotting it on Monday.

"Given the nature of the items, whoever owned it was not local," police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said. "It paid off to alert the public."

Thanks to a tip from someone who read the release and saw a Kijiji ad by Nash's sister-in-law about the missing suitcase, police called her in Toronto less



Krista Nash holds a suitcase and a bag full of frozen seafood after retrieving her sister-in-law Stacey's lost luggage from the Halifax Regional Police station Wednesday. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO IN HALIFAX

than an hour later.

Nash said she was "just so happy" everything was safe.

"I never eat seafood here in Toronto," said Nash, who

is originally from Shelburne, N.S. "It's just not the same."

The suitcase was lost at about 6 a.m. on Monday when Nash's brother drove her to the airport to catch a flight back to Ontario, after her first holiday visit to Halifax in 20 years.

"He said, 'Stacey, you're going to have to do without your lobster,'" Nash said when he saw the back of the truck was open.

When she realized the luggage was gone — along with a Wii, clothing and Christmas gifts besides the three large lobsters — Nash said she was upset but had to board the plane.

Stacey's sister-in-law, Krista Nash, picked up the suitcase on Wednesday afternoon from police and is making plans with Nash on how to ship the luggage to Toronto.

HALEY RYAN/METRO IN HALIFAX

New Year's Eve babies

Twins give birth to sons 2 hours apart

Aiden Lee Alan Dilts and Donavyn Scott Bratten didn't wait until New Year's Day to come screaming into the world, but the circumstances of their births are still pretty special: The babies were born about two hours apart to Ohio mothers who are identical twins.

The Akron Beacon Journal reports that 19-year-old mothers Aimee and Ashlee Nelson both gave birth on Monday even though their due dates were about a week apart.

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Calgary

Hundreds affected by fuel mix-up

Hundreds have been forced to park their vehicles after a mix-up between regular gas and diesel fuel at a Calgary gas station.

Co-op spokesperson Karen Allan said on Dec. 26 that its fuel supplier mistakenly filled the regular gas storage tank at a south Calgary gas bar with diesel fuel.

It wasn't until some 500 vehicles had been fuelled that a customer brought the problem to the station's attention.

KATIE TURNER/METRO IN CALGARY

Fatal encounter

No pit-bull ban in Calgary, despite death of dog

Calgary has no plans to ban or otherwise restrict pit bulls after three of the dogs were involved in a fatal encounter in a city dog park.

A Pomeranian died in the incident on Monday, while another dog, a Great Pyrenees, was injured, after both off-leash animals approached a man walking three pit bulls on leash.

City officials seized the pit bulls, which are due to undergo behaviour tests.

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Chump change: Are nickels next on chopping block?

Coins we don't love anymore. Some say five-cent piece is also becoming obsolete, and should follow penny into the sunset

As the penny is set to begin retirement next month, there are already calls to put the nickel out to pasture as well.

The Royal Canadian Mint starts collecting one-cent coins on Feb. 4 for melting and recycling of the metal content, with some six billion pennies expected to be surrendered by Canadians over the next six years.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced the surprise demise in last year's budget, saying the penny had become a nuisance.

And a former Bank of Canada economist says the nickel is also becoming obsolete, and should be next in line for retirement.

"We see less and less people now ... digging in their wallets for nickels," Jean-Pierre Aubry



The federal government is retiring the penny, and some think the nickel should be next in line. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

said in an interview.

A retired 30-year veteran of the Bank of Canada, Aubry has been a leading proponent of withdrawing the one-cent piece from circulation.

In papers and presentations for Desjardins Group over the last few years, Aubry used economic models to show that

the penny should actually have been killed in about 1982.

That was a tipping point, as more Canadians hoarded the coins and the Royal Canadian Mint was pressed to churn out billions more to keep retailers stocked, costing the government up to \$11 million annually.

Aubry argues the nickel will soon hit the same tipping point the penny did in 1982, as Canadians hoard them in greater numbers, forcing the mint to distribute up to 350 million each year to meet retail demand. "It's a sign that the coin is not well used," he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Time to empty the piggy bank. Penny collection starts Feb. 4

Jim Flaherty is setting his sights on your pennies. The federal finance minister is reminding Canadians that starting Feb. 4, the Royal Canadian Mint will stop distributing pennies and instead start collecting them from banks and other financial institutions.

Flaherty says he'll take every advantage over the next month to remind Canadians that the supply of pennies will start to diminish as a result.

In his March budget, Flaherty unexpectedly announced the demise of the one-cent piece, saying pennies cost too much to manufacture and are a nuisance to many Canadians.

After Feb. 4, cash transactions will have to be rounded to the nearest five-cent increment, but electronic trans-

Costly coinage

- The last pennies minted on May 4 in Winnipeg cost about 1.6 cents each to manufacture.
- Even though Finance Canada faces a one-time net cost of \$38 million to retire the penny, the long-term savings to government and to the economy will be substantial.

actions will still be calculated down to the individual cent.

A cabinet order last month gave Flaherty the authority to pay financial institutions for the mountains of pennies they'll begin to return to the mint. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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With Zipcar purchase, Avis goes after younger customers

Avis is leaping into the car-sharing service business by buying Zipcar for \$491.2 million US, aiming to capture a new type of customer and technology that will vastly expand its car rental options.

Car sharing has become a popular alternative to traditional rentals in metropolitan areas and on college campuses, allowing members to get a vehicle for an hour or two for short trips instead of renting a car for a day or using mass transit.

The segment has been growing while traditional car rentals have struggled in the current slow-growth economy.

Zipcar, which was founded in 2000, has more than 760,000



Zipcar chairman and CEO Scott Griffith poses in this April 2011 photo. Car-rental company Avis is buying Zipcar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

members, triple what it had in 2008. It went public in 2011

and 2012 is expected to be its first-ever profitable year. Avis Budget Group Inc. is the third-largest U.S. rental car company, behind Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Hertz Global Holdings Inc.

"I've been somewhat dismissive of car sharing in the past but what I've come to realize is that car sharing, particularly on the scale that Zipcar has achieved and will achieve, is complementary to our traditional business," Avis' Chairman and CEO Ron Nelson said in a conference call after the deal was announced.

Nelson said the acquisition means Avis will now be able to reach younger, more tech-savvy consumers that prefer sharing services. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Smartphone market

In Southeast Asia, RIM's star still shines brightly

While BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion claws for a diminishing market share in North America, the smartphone maker maintains a reputation in Southeast Asia that in some places harkens back to its glory days.

At Siam Paragon, the

biggest mall in Bangkok and one of the largest in Asia, the BlackBerry retail store is just steps away from outlets selling designer labels like Prada, Dolce & Gabbana and Lamborghini.

Indonesia is also a bright light, having become RIM's biggest market in Southeast Asia. The company holds roughly half of the local handset market and has been ranked the top-selling smartphone there for the

past two years.

The BlackBerry also ranks as the No. 2 smartphone in the Philippines, and the No. 3 smartphone in Thailand and Malaysia.

But it is Indonesia, the world's fourth most populated country, that will likely play a key role in RIM's future as it struggles to launch its new BlackBerry smartphones in the fickle North American and European markets.

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LEAVING HIS SINGLE-DUDE WAYS IN THE DUST



HE SAYS...

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Year after year I make tough New Year's resolutions in an attempt to mend my bachelorhood ways, such as resolving to regularly dust the TV with a cloth, rather than running

my hand over the screen every six months and exclaiming, "Wow, that's dusty!"

Well, I'm happy to say that in the past year I've finally made some progress. I no longer own a television.

In your face, dust. Cough, cough.

And in the kitchen, a friend of mine brought me 12 basic spices this year and, I must say, they really spruce up the windowsill.

Many of my other single-dude problems remain, however.

I just don't have the right attitude.

I notice this in newsrooms where different shifts share the same computers. Some of my co-workers start their shifts with spray and cloths and hand sanitizer, as if they'll be using their desks for open-heart surgery. Meanwhile, I consider a keyboard sticky with the

previous user's Snickers bar a tasty value-add, similar to a mint on your pillow.

This failure as a human being is unfortunate from a life perspective but very fortunate from a column perspective because it leads to:

John's 2013 Bachelorhood Resolutions

- I resolve to clean the four breakfast bowls I have, rather than using increasingly less appropriate stand-ins such as Tupperware, popcorn bowls, flower pots and the mop bucket.

- I will clean these dishes before Corn Flakes have become irremovable fossils that will be of interest to top Corn Flake scientists seven centuries from now.

- I resolve to cook a meal that is not bacon, eggs and toast. (Making bacon and toast, eggs and toast, or bacon and eggs is partial credit only.)

- I resolve to accept that re-soaking the dishes repeatedly will not get them clean, that rotating the pillows only works once, and that not using the coffee machine for a while is not the same as cleaning the coffee machine.

- I resolve to invite people over so that I have to clean, but I'm still not scrubbing behind the toilet unless it's, at minimum, the Queen.

- I resolve to learn how to do things on my own rather than calling my parents with cryptic questions like, "Say there was a grease fire right now, would pouring baking soda on it help? Because I don't have any, hypothetically."

- I resolve to do these things soon enough that they can be considered New Year's resolutions and not some last-ditch bucket list. Because the bucket has corn flakes in it.



Royal resolve: Tackling a job even a prince like William can handle.

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From police box to mailbox



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Two worlds collide

Sci-fi classic gets stamp series

This image, released by Britain's Royal Mail on Wednesday, shows a postage stamp with an image of Doctor Who star Matt Smith. The Doctor — who usually uses a police box for travel — will be zooming through time and space on the edge of letters in 2013.

The stamps honouring the cult British television program will be available starting at the end of March. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Doctor Who celebrated

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The Royal Mail is marking the 50th anniversary of the science fiction show Doctor Who with a series of stamps featuring each of the 11 actors who have played the title role. Those featured include the present Doctor, Matt Smith, as well as past Time Lords such as David Tennant and Christopher Eccleston. The stamp featuring the first Doctor, William Hartnell, is shown below.



Time Lord's friends and foes go postal, too



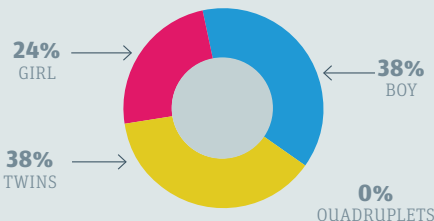
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The series will also include a miniature sheet that brings together Second Class stamps featuring four of the Doctor's friends and foes — a Dalek (shown above), an Ood, a Weeping Angel and a Cyberman. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Literary applause: Authors pick their favourite books of 2012



Peter Ames Carlin: Truth Like the Sun by Jim Lynch

"Set in the Seattles of 1962 and 2001, Lynch's novel tracks his characters through decades of civic idealism, corruption, death and rebirth. His darkly hilarious portrait of modern journalism is alone worth the price of admission."

— Peter Ames Carlin is author of the Bruce Springsteen biography, *Bruce*.



John Irving: Jack Holmes and His Friend by Edmund White

"What I admire most about Jack Holmes and His Friend is the seamless-ness of the shifts in point of view and narrative voice. It is a novel about the friendship between a gay man and his straight friend, and it is not only written from each of their points of view, it is written in both the third person and the first person. I find that very hard to do, but Edmund makes it look easy."

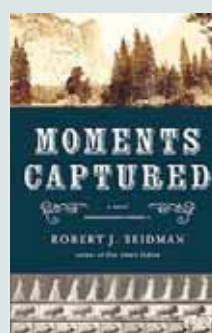
— John Irving is the author of *In One Person*.



Alan Light: The One: The Life and Music of James Brown by R.J. Smith

"This was an ambitious, comprehensive, and long-overdue biography of a towering figure in music across the globe."

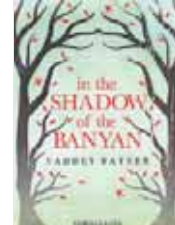
— Alan Light is author of *The Holy or the Broken: Leonard Cohen, Jeff Buckley, and the Unlikely Ascent of Hallelujah*.



Stephen Davis: Moments Captured by Robert J. Seidman

"It's a novel about Eadweard Muybridge. This is the guy who invented the moving image. He completely changed the way that humanity sees itself. Edison took it and ran with it, and changed it from something mechanical to something chemical. But this novel is an evocation of a very pivotal time in the history of the moving image, between two-dimensional still image and image that actually moved."

— Stephen Davis is author of *More Room in a Broken Heart: The True Adventures of Carly Simon*.



Chris Cleave: In the Shadow of the Banyan by Vaddey Ratner; The Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers

"2012 has been a strikingly good year for debut fiction, with almost every month announcing the arrival of a major talent. If I am to single out two novels from this vintage crop, I would choose Vaddey Ratner's sublime *In the Shadow of the Banyan* — a beautiful and heart-rending take on the Cambodian genocide — and Kevin Powers' *The Yellow Birds*, chronicling one soldier's harrowing experience of war in Iraq. Both writers draw deeply on their own experience, bringing a hard-won wisdom to which their literary gift is equal. This is the novel at its best, taking us far beyond the ordinary for a few hours and leaving us spooked and exhilarated."

— Chris Cleave is the author of *Gold*. **METRO**

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Walking the line of super and natural

Sci-Fi television. Kris Holden-Ried speaks to Metro about working on Showcase's *Lost Girl* and the physical challenges it presents as an actor

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Having a "wolf in the fold" is usually considered a bad thing, but if that wolf happens to be *Lost Girl*'s Dyson, then you are in luck. Handsome, intelligent and brimming with animal magnetism — no pun intended — he is a member of the supernatural Fae community and works as a police homicide detective to help keep the peace amongst humans as well as the Fae.

For actor Kris Holden-Ried, who plays Dyson on the popular Showcase TV series, teetering between both worlds is a constant but welcome acting exercise.

"The physical challenges with Dyson are, one, he's a shape-shifter, so he has to have animalism, and two, he's of indiscriminate age, so

Far from Lost

Lost Girl premieres Jan. 6 on Showcase

- **Upcoming.** While the actor cannot reveal what awaits *Lost Girl* fans in the show's upcoming third season, it is obvious just by watching Holden-Ried at work that his enthusiasm for the series and playing Dyson has not waned in the least.

we're playing him as 1,000 or so years old," notes Holden-Ried during a break on *Lost Girl*'s Toronto set. "The trick is to then mix and match that with creating a grounded and believable character."

Dyson's unofficial crime-busting ally (and romantic interest) is *Lost Girl*'s heroine and fellow Fae, Bo (Anna Silk), a beautiful Succubus able to suck the life out of you.

"In season one, Bo and Dyson shared a great deal of passion, but he also knew some of Bo's secrets," says Holden-Ried. "While that put him at an advantage, it also stopped him from fully com-



Kris Holden-Ried stars in *Lost Girl* on Showcase. HANDOUT

mitting to her. Dyson ultimately fell in love with Bo, but couldn't show it, which was

fun to play.

"At the end of season one, Dyson's love for Bo was

ripped from his soul. That turned into a whole other journey for him in season

two, where the constant emptiness he felt almost drove him crazy."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

A year in music: Top 5 chart toppers of 2012

Music. From Gangnam Style to Call Me Maybe, Metro looks back at some of the year's biggest hits

Top 5 albums/singles

- 1** Frank Ocean's *Channel Orange*
- 2** TIE: Father John Misty's *Fear Fun* and PSY's *Gangnam Style*
- 3** Carly Rae Jepsen's *Call Me Maybe*
- 4** Gotye's *Somebody That I Used to Know*
- 5** TIE: Rihanna's *Diamonds* and Ke\$ha's *Warrior*

How did we all leave *We Are Young* by Fun. off this list? Is it because we're all too old to sing that song out loud? Or is it that the opening of the song is just too schlocky to make it all worth the amazing chorus? Seriously, if that song was the chorus alone, it would be the song of the year. To tell you the truth, it probably still will be anyway. Also, here's where I'm a little bit of a jerk: That Gotye song officially started getting airplay last year. **PAT HEALY**

Somebody That I Used to Know stays on the list because it made me think there was this really great Police song from the '80s recently discovered and newly released. I think I just proved your old fogies theory. **AMBER RAY**

Maybe this supports the argument that I'm already an old fogey, but I had to look up the Rihanna and Ke\$ha songs be-



Father John Misty made 2012's Top 5 with *Fear Fun*. CONTRIBUTED/MAXIMILLA LUKACS

cause I hadn't heard them before. Ke\$ha has finally been the first to inspire me to call something "devil music" in an unflattering way. **HEIDI PATALANO**

Another bit of food for thought: Would *Gangnam Style* make the list if there weren't a video? People probably posed the same question about Duran Duran in 1982, and it's strange how this bit of devil's advocacy is still relevant in 2012. But seriously, in an age where music videos aren't shown on regular TV anymore, it is interesting that a video made such a huge cultural and musical splash. **PAT HEALY**

I think it would have — hell,

I still haven't even seen the *Gangnam Style* video, but I somehow know the dance. I personally enjoyed Britney trying her hand (at) it while appearing on *Ellen*, but why was she dressed like a flight attendant for that episode? **MEREDITH ENG**

I think a prerequisite for best song of the year means we can sing along with it. Oh man, I'm such a xenophobe. **DOROTHY ROBINSON**

What about Kanye this year? Did anybody vote for *Cruel Summer*? **PAT HEALY**

I say this every single year, and I hate change so I'll say it again: I have never heard anything by Kanye West that

I didn't want to turn off immediately. Who's old and grumpy? This girl — this girl right here. **MONICA WEYMOUTH**

Oh man, Monica, give Mercy a chance! There's so much going on in this track. I love how it flawlessly switches between winding dancehall to some gritty southern rap all while maintaining a cool, dark undertone and then suddenly taking a left turn to an electronic dance party. Yup, you have to bring ALL your moves to the floor. Adding to the awesomeness is the all-black ninja-Bedouin looks everyone sports in the stylized video. It's totally one of those fashion moments I can see being referenced years from now. **TINA CHADHA**



Carly Rae Jepsen. GETTY IMAGES

Editor's picks

Music editor Pat Healy's Top 5

1. Father John Misty's *Fear Fun*
2. Michael Kiwanuka's *Home Again*
3. Big Boi's *Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumors*
4. Frank Ocean's *Channel Orange*
5. TIE: Bruce Springsteen's *Wrecking Ball* and The Walkmen's *The Heaven*

This was a weird year for music. For the first time, I feel like there was actually too much to listen to. Look at the top lists of any major publication and there are very few similarities.

I, for one, am surprised more outlets aren't praising the stellar songcraft of Father John Misty and Michael Kiwanuka. Neither are reinventing the wheel. In fact, both seem very much rooted in sounds of the '60s and '70s.

But as for my next two

entries, Big Boi and Frank Ocean, I think both are really doing great things to push their genres forward.

Big Boi took a brave tact on this most recent album, which also didn't make many lists (presumably due to its December release date). Instead of just a few indie collaborations here and there, like he has done in the past, almost every track is a collaboration with either Phantogram or Little Dragon. The results are completely original.

Frank Ocean's results are completely original too. It really is like he is on the forefront of bringing a much-needed update to R&B. The new school, which includes Miguel and The Weeknd, never knew a world where hip-hop didn't exist and that has formed their worldview in such a unique way that the old soulsters didn't have.

And in fifth place, maybe it's just loyalty, but two of my favourite acts released albums that weren't my favourites they've ever released, but I still enjoy them.



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2012's memorable moments à la mode

Beauty and the buzz.

From a dress double-up to a cropped-coiffe craze, here are some of the most talked-about style stories of 2012

Michelle Obama and Ann Romney's matching hues.

The wives of the presidential candidates turned out to the second debate between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney in practically the same shade of hot pink. But they weren't by the same designer: Romney's was by Oscar de la Renta, and Obama's by Michael Kors. A potential matching prom dress-style embarrassment was chalked up to timing: October's breast cancer awareness month.

Marc Jacobs' Louis Vuitton show

Many of the designer runways seemed more of the same — stark stages, thumping music and audiences distracted by their electronic gadgets — but the Louis Vuitton fall catwalk in Paris commanded attention. Models dressed in their very best travelling clothes stepped off a reconstructed retro steam train. Valets carried the vintage-inspired hat boxes and vanity cases. The trip seemed refreshingly refined and modern.

Two-tone Stella McCartney dresses

McCartney, no stranger to the red carpet, has created a style that celebrities can't get enough of. Her ultra-flat-terring "silhouette" dress has become almost ubiquitous. It features one colour on



The Olympics saw some of the most famous faces in fashion strutting to a David Bowie soundtrack. GETTY IMAGES

the bodice and back, and a graphic opposite on the sides and sleeves. Kate Winslet has worn several versions, and Brooklyn Decker, Kate Moss, Edie Falco and Liv Tyler have, too. The best turn might have been Jane Fonda at the Cannes Film Festival.

Beyoncé's back-from-baby body

Some new mothers claim they feel sexier than ever. Beyoncé was living proof at the Met Gala, the important industry event co-hosted by Vogue's Anna Wintour. Beyoncé's skin-tight, largely sheer — save the bodice beading and feathered fish-

tail train — gown by Givenchy announced that Ivy Blue Carter's mom wasn't going to hold back. An honourable mention goes to Jessica Simpson, who dieted her way to a Weight Watchers ad, then wound up pregnant again.

Supermodel reunion at the London Olympics.

Gold was the new black at the closing ceremony with a parade of supermodels wearing gilded gowns in a tribute to British fashion. Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell both had on Alexander McQueen, Georgia May Jagger's was by Victoria Beckham, Karen

Elson was in Burberry, and Stella Tennant donned a Christopher Kane Swarovski-crystal catsuit.

Miley Cyrus' cropped cut

When Cyrus cut off the long hair her fans had become used to, she took some heat. She has said (and tweeted) repeatedly, though, that she was pleased with the new punk-pixie look and was sticking with it. Short hair turned out to be a big trend, with Alicia Keys, Rihanna and Anne Hathaway all ending the year with much shorter locks than they started with.

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Front-page fashion

Moore at the Emmys

Julianne Moore's neon-yellow Dior Haute Couture outfit (really a sweater and ball skirt) spawned a love-it-or-hate-it debate among armchair style critics. What was largely left out of that conversation, however, was that it was Raf Simons' big celebrity debut for Dior.



007's slim suits

Daniel Craig's wardrobe in Skyfall is impeccably tailored — and quite tight. Unlike the James Bonds that came before him, Craig, whose wardrobe is created mostly by Tom Ford, takes his suits Euro-style with tapered legs and shorter rises.



Angelina Jolie at the Oscars

The leg that peeked out of the high thigh-high slit of her Versace gown was the most exciting appearance on the red carpet. It was Jolie's picture-perfect pose to expose just enough thigh that launched a thousand memes.



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Derks

Resolutions from a decorator



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Every new year the decorating magazines, newspaper columns and home decor television shows ramble off the predicted trends for the upcoming new year.

Although it's good to know what they are, it's also important to consider which ones can — and cannot — be implemented in our lives.

My resolution this year is not to bring a lot of new trends into my life, but to say goodbye to a few that don't hold longevity in my home.

Here are two of last year's trends that I fell prey to in 2011-2012 — ones that have had their way (and their day) with me.



The colour brown has been used to create some pretty spectacular rooms, but it's time to say goodbye this year. SUPPLIED

The colour brown

We've seen brown tones dominate home decor for the past 10 years, and although it wasn't a new trend last year, it just seemed to linger on much longer than other colour trends from the past.

From espresso wood tones to deep brown leather furnishings, it's a promise to myself to think twice before introducing any more of it to my room's decor scheme. There are certain decor items that will always need to be brown — wood flooring, cabinetry and book cases, but using it in upholstery, paint and wallpaper feels a bit overdone these days.

Replace those dark brown colours with rich, muted shades of grey, purple, teal and cinnamon.

The deconstructed factory look

Stripped metal furnishings, repurposed wood, worn carpets and industrial factory cart coffee tables have somewhat had their day.

There's always a casual decor scheme on tap and the industrial chic look is now overblown. Was it an attempt to decorate in a more casual manner without going back to country decorating? My new motto about this look: If it looked great in a factory setting, then don't bring it home anymore.

Search for fresher looks in the casual decor schemes — pastel colours, pale wicker, seagrass and off-white paint colours.



Industrial Chic: Used initially for a little shock value, industrial items have now become overblown in the home. SUPPLIED

New year, new colour: Emerald named Pantone's colour of 2013

Emerald green.
Keep in style this year when planning your home decor

Emerald is the jewel in Pantone's crown of colours for 2013. The vibrant green hue was announced as its colour of the year.

Emerald is symbolic of growth, renewal and regeneration, said Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, the research division of Pantone Inc., which creates colour standards for the fashion, beauty and home industries.

"That is what the stone implies and has ... for many cultures. It celebrates new life, and that, we feel, is a good message because it speaks of optimism for the future," she said in a phone interview from Bainbridge Island, Wash.

"At the same time, because it is closely connected to the gemstone, more people would think of it as a colour that is very sophisticated."

The selection of the rich green hue — which Eiseman describes as a "well-balanced colour" — is a striking departure from Tangerine Tango, the reddish-orange shade that took Pantone's top colour honour for 2012.

Pantone's annual colour forecast of the hottest hue for the year ahead factors in a number of different influences, from graphic design and fashion to film and TV.

Eiseman said they also look at the consumer zeitgeist from an international perspective, and start to seek out a colour symbolic of what people feel they need.

They are also on the lookout for a "building up of references" in the years leading up to the hue in question being named the top colour, she added.

With that checklist in tow, emerald — and its seemingly universal appeal among style arbiters and consumers — appears to fit the bill.

"We had to look for a specific green that was not one that we were seeing as much of, but as I said, was

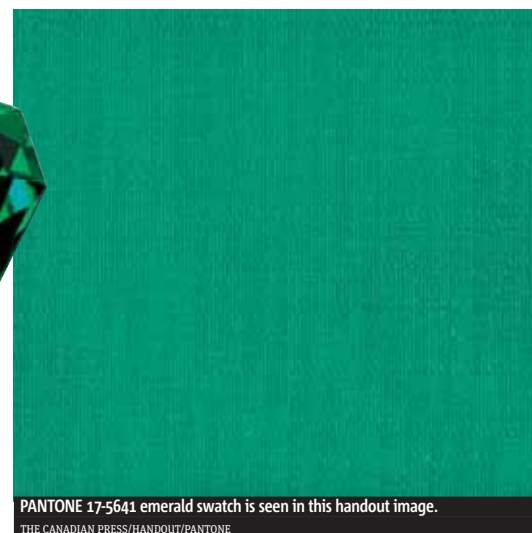
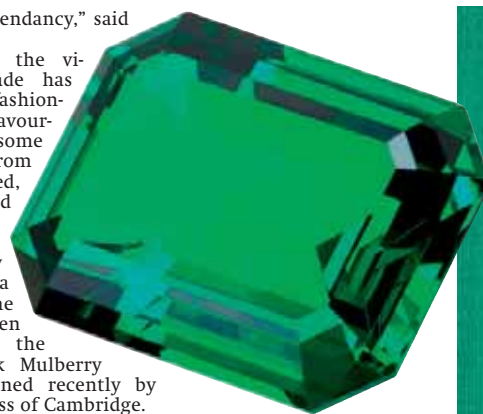
on the ascendancy," said Eiseman.

Indeed, the vibrant shade has been a fashionable favourite for some time, from the sleeved, sequined Versace number worn by Angelina Jolie at the 2011 Golden Globes to the sleek, silk Mulberry dress donned recently by the Duchess of Cambridge.

But Eiseman noted that emerald greens are surfacing in cosmetics as well, notably in the proliferation of colours emerging in nail polishes.

Eiseman said emerald is already being seen colouring kitchen appliances, and consumers can expect to see bedding and dishware among the array of items steeped in the shade in the months to come.

"Certainly in domestics and linens, table tops, glassware, ceramics (is) where emerald really shines," she



PANTONE 17-5641 emerald swatch is seen in this handout image.

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Colour me emerald

"If you look into emerald ... from a very traditional, historical perspective — and this is something that's shared by many cultures — it comes from the most abundant colour family in nature. There are more greens than there are any other colours."

Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute

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Lots of green beans and black beans and chickpeas — oh my!



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This salad has nutrition galore and makes a great side salad or buffet dish. Often I'll add some grilled chicken or fish and make it a main meal. Cut the avocado just before serving, or add some lemon juice to it to prevent discolouration.

1. Steam the green beans just until bright green and still crisp, about 3 minutes. Place immediately under cold water and rinse until the beans are no longer warm. Place in a serving bowl.

2. Spray small non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Sauté corn, stirring frequently, until browned, approximately 8 minutes. Add to the serving bowl, along with the black beans, chickpeas, bell pepper, onion and avocado.

3. Whisk the zest, juice, oil, garlic, ginger, jalapeño, salt

Ingredients

- 8 oz green beans
- 1 cup drained canned corn kernels
- 1 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 3/4 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado

Dressing

- 1 1/2 tsp lime or lemon zest
- 3 tbsp freshly squeezed lime or lemon juice
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1 tsp minced jalapeño
- Pinch salt and black pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro, basil or parsley

and pepper together in a small bowl.

4. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to mix well. Garnish with the cilantro. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Three-Bean Avocado and Charred Corn Salad with Lime Dressing



This recipe serves six. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Cookbook of the Week

**250 best
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Spotlight on beans

Knowing that beans, lentils and tofu are good for you is one thing, but cooking with them is another. 250 Best Beans, Lentils & Tofu Recipes, compiled by author and editor Judith Finlayson, offers varied and globally-influenced recipes.

Winter-friendly eats such as Curry-Fried Tofu Soup With Vegetables and Udon Noodles and Firehouse Chili Soup will warm you up. And even meat eaters can enjoy the book with hearty dishes like Quince-Laced Lamb Shanks With Yellow Split Peas and Baked Shrimp Enchiladas. **METRO**

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Derks

Oilers watch

Eberle takes AHL's top honour for December

Oklahoma City Barons right-winger Jordan Eberle was named American Hockey League player of the month Wednesday after recording 20 points over 11 games in December.

Eberle led all AHL skaters in scoring with 11 goals and nine assists to take the honour for the second straight month. The 22-year-old Regina native leads the AHL with 24 goals and 49 points in 32 games for the Barons this season.

Eberle had 76 points (34-42) in 78 games for the Edmonton Oilers last season.

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Jordan Eberle GETTY IMAGES FILE

NBA

Clippers owner's son found dead in Malibu

The son of Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling was found dead of an apparent drug overdose at his Malibu, Calif., home, authorities said Wednesday.

The body of Scott Ashley Sterling, 32, was found shortly after 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Los Angeles County coroner's Lt. Larry Dietz said.

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'The Nuge' dispensing nuggets of NHL wisdom

World juniors.

Nugent-Hopkins a source of insight for Team Canada teammates with big-league aspirations

Regardless of what happens the rest of the way for Team Canada at the world junior hockey championship, most of the players on the team hope — one day — to make the NHL.

"It's in the back of your mind all the time," said forward Boone Jenner, a draft pick of the Columbus Blue Jackets. "It's the main goal. Since you're a little kid you want to play in the NHL. Every day you try to think about that and wonder how you're going to get better each day and keep going. It's the ultimate goal."

"And hopefully some day I'll be able to set foot on the ice for a game."

While his teammates can only dream of life in the NHL, captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins has already lived it. He was a point-per-game player with the Edmonton Oilers last year, and a rising star in the league.

As such, Nugent-Hopkins has become a wonderful resource for his teammates to learn about life in the big.

"They definitely have a lot of questions," said Nugent-Hopkins. "Some guys have experienced a few games. Some guys will be there in a few seasons. There definitely are some questions and I try to shed light on it."

What does he tell them?

"It's definitely the best of everything," said Nugent-Hopkins. "The checking is so much better, the speed of the game is just amazing. The first thing I noticed was the atmosphere in the buildings."



Team Canada captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins looks up ice during practice on Wednesday in Ufa, Russia.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quarter-final clashes

John Gaudreau had a hat trick, Riley Barber scored twice and the United States beat the Czech Republic 7-0 to set up a rematch with Canada in Thursday's semifinal. Canada topped

the U.S. 2-1 in the preliminary round.

- Defending champion Sweden will face Russia in the other semifinal.

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It was extremely fun to play in, playing against the best players in the world, players I've always watched, was pretty cool."

As much as Nugent-Hopkins has been the focus of the team's offence on the ice, he is the focus of attention off it for the advice he can give.

"He's been talking to us a little bit about it," said Jenner. "Little stories. Everyone listens in.... He's already been up there. It's kind of cool."

Defenceman Scott Har-

rington — drafted by the Pittsburgh Penguins — pays rapt attention when Nugent-Hopkins talks.

"He's been great for us," said Harrington. "He brings so much experience and leadership. He told us what it's like. It sounds awesome. It's motivation for the rest of us to get to where he is."

In all, 20 of Team Canada's 23 players are already drafted by NHL clubs. As many as 10 could get the call to come to camp immediately after the

tournament if the lockout ends.

They'll have pulled off a rare double: Getting to play in the world juniors, then getting an immediate shot at the NHL.

"It's definitely pretty exciting to think about it that way," said Kitchener Rangers defenceman Ryan Murphy, a lock to go to the Carolina Hurricanes' camp. "I never really thought about it, but that could have been my last game in Kitchener I played before the break."

"It would be nice to play another game in Kitchener, but it would be pretty cool to play in the NHL. Whatever happens, I'll be happy with it."

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Denver Broncos offensive co-ordinator Mike McCoy, left, talks with quarterback Peyton Manning during a game on Dec. 16. Wally Buono knew 13 years ago that McCoy had the qualities to be a good football coach. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Buono knew QB would be real McCoy as coach

Job interviews. Mike McCoy, former CFL pivot, is meeting Buffalo, Chicago, Arizona and Philadelphia about head coaching positions

Mike McCoy's one of the NFL's hottest head-coaching prospects, but Wally Buono knew 13 years ago while with the Calgary Stampeders that the Broncos' offensive co-ordinator had the qualities to be a good football coach.

"Oh yeah and here's why," the B.C. Lions vice-president of football operations and GM said Wednesday. "We had Mike for something like four days and then he started for

us and won four or five games with no training camp and a lot of it was because he cerebrally was able to pick up things quickly and stay within the structure of the offence.

"He had all the things as a coach you need to have: You have to have a work ethic, you have to have discipline, you have to have toughness. Things didn't faze him."

Buono was Calgary's head coach in 1999 when McCoy arrived and quickly found himself under centre with injuries to regulars Dave Dickenson and Henry Burris. McCoy adjusted quickly, completing 117 of 183 passes (63.9 per cent) for 1,669 yards with 10 TDs and just two interceptions.

At season's end, Buono wanted McCoy to return but the then 28-year-old quarter-

back abruptly retired to become an offensive assistant coach with the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

Completing his fourth season as Denver's offensive coordinator, McCoy should be relishing an off week after the Broncos (13-3) earned a first-round playoff bye. Instead, he'll meet with the Buffalo Bills, Chicago Bears, Arizona Cardinals and Philadelphia Eagles about their head-coaching vacancies.

McCoy, 40, has shown a deft touch when it comes to designing successful offences, having helped Denver reach the playoffs the last two years with vastly different quarterbacks.

In 2011, Denver (8-8) topped the NFL in rushing and beat Pittsburgh in the playoffs with Tim Tebow, the former Heisman Trophy winner who has been criticized for his flawed passing mechanics. This season, the Broncos (13-3) were ranked second overall in scoring with Peyton Manning, a future hall of famer and one of the top passers in league history. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quoted

"Mike, at the time, could have been our starting quarterback, but went to Carolina almost as a graduate assistant because he felt the vision for his life was to be a coach." Wally Buono on Denver Broncos offensive co-ordinator and head-coaching prospect Mike McCoy

Premier League

Last-place QPR stuns Chelsea

Chelsea's recovery under Rafa Benitez was brought to a shuddering halt by the Queens Park Rangers on Wednesday as the Premier League's bottom team won 1-0 in the west London derby.

QPR's first win in the topflight at Stamford Bridge since March 1979 was secured by Shaun Wright-Phillips scoring against his former club.

The end of Chelsea's four-game win streak in one of the biggest shockers so far this season left Benitez's side fourth in the standings.

Everton is only two points behind after beating Newcastle 2-1, but has played a game more than both Chelsea and sixth-place Arsenal.

Liverpool still has its sights on the top four, beating Sunderland 3-0 to move seven points behind Chelsea but having played one more match.

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Shaun Wright-Phillips scores the winner Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Lockout. NHLers temper excitement

The talks have heated up and a deal could soon be at hand, but NHL players are trying not to let their hopes get too high that a collective-bargaining agreement will get signed and a partial season will be saved.

A group of eight NHL players skating in Candiac, Que., a suburb of Montreal, Wednesday were glad that their players' union and the league have been talking over the last few days in New York. But they caution that the NHLPA thought a deal was close only a month ago, only to see commissioner Gary Bettman withdraw his offer.

"Yes, we're excited, but I hope it's not like last time when we were all excited and then the next thing you know, it's off the table," said forward Steve Begin.

Begin does not have a contract, but is awaiting a chance to crack the Calgary Flames' roster during what may be a short training



Former Canadiens player Steve Begin **THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**

camp.

The league wants a deal done by Jan. 11, so a 48-game schedule can start on Jan. 19. The threat of losing an entire season, as happened in 2004-05, looks to have lit a fire under the negotiations.

"I've got excited before and I'm not going to get excited until a deal is signed," cautioned Montreal Canadiens captain Brian Gionta.

"We're looking forward because it's getting late," said Canucks forward Alex Burrows. "We're in the new year now, so we have to make sure they keep talking and find a way to grind it out and agree on a few things." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quoted

"Now I think it's time ... I think they'll get something done."

Defenceman Steve Begin

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	8	.733	—
New York	21	10	.677	1 1/2
Atlanta	20	10	.667	2
Indiana	19	13	.594	4
Chicago	17	13	.567	5
Milwaukee	16	14	.533	6
Brooklyn	17	15	.531	6
Philadelphia	15	18	.455	8 1/2
Boston	14	17	.452	8 1/2
Toronto	12	20	.375	11
Orlando	12	20	.375	11
Detroit	12	22	.353	12
Charlotte	8	23	.258	14 1/2
Cleveland	7	26	.212	16 1/2
Washington	4	26	.133	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	25	7	.781	—
Oklahoma City	24	7	.774	1/2
San Antonio	26	8	.765	—
Memphis	20	9	.690	3 1/2
Golden State	21	10	.677	3 1/2
Houston	18	14	.563	7
Denver	18	15	.545	7 1/2
Portland	16	15	.516	8 1/2
Minnesota	14	14	.500	9
Utah	16	17	.485	9 1/2
L.A. Lakers	15	16	.484	9 1/2
Dallas	13	20	.394	12 1/2
Sacramento	12	20	.375	13
Phoenix	12	21	.364	13 1/2
New Orleans	7	25	.219	18

Wednesday's results

Cleveland 102 Portland 79
Sacramento 97 Cleveland 94
Indiana 89 Washington 81
Chicago 96 Orlando 94
Memphis 93 Boston 83
Miami 119 Dallas 109 OT

San Antonio 117 Milwaukee 110
Brooklyn 110 Oklahoma City 93
Houston 104 New Orleans 82
Phoenix 95 Philadelphia 89
Utah 106 Minnesota 84

L.A. Clippers at Golden State
Thursday's games — All Times Eastern
San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.

Friday's games
Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NBA SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	31	323	227	939	30.3
Anthony, NYK	25	249	164	729	29.2
Durant, OK	30	277	249	854	28.5
James, Mia	29	295	132	762	26.3
Harden, Hou	30	229	266	783	26.1
Westbrook, OK	30	224	156	646	21.5
Aldridge, Por	28	237	115	589	21.0
Wade, Mia	25	194	114	509	20.4
Lee, GoS	31	260	102	622	20.1
Curry, GoS	31	215	99	621	20.0
Pierce, Bos	30	197	148	598	19.9
Ellis, Mil	29	211	122	570	19.7
Parker, SA	31	234	114	597	19.3
Holiday, Phi	28	211	75	528	18.9
Lillard, Por	30	193	98	553	18.4
DeRozan, Tor	31	210	129	565	18.2
Mayo, Dal	32	206	97	583	18.2
Walker, Cha	31	206	111	560	18.1
Gay, Mem	27	185	87	485	18.0
Bosh, Mia	28	191	117	505	18.0
Anderson, NO	31	205	44	554	17.9
Duncan, SA	32	227	110	566	17.7
Deng, Chi	29	192	102	509	17.6
Jennings, Mil	29	188	78	509	17.6
Griffin, LAC	32	229	104	564	17.6
West, Ind	31	222	97	543	17.5
Howard, LAL	31	187	160	535	17.3

Not including last night's games

RAPTORS 102, TRAILBLAZERS 79

PORTLAND (79)

Batum 4-12 2-2 10, Aldridge 7-12 0-0 14, Hickson 1-4 0-0 2, Lillard 6-13 5-6 18, Matthews 4-7 2-3 12, Freeland 4-6 3-3 11, Claver 1-2 0-1 2, Price 1-2 0-0 2, Babbitt 1-4 1-1 4, Barton 0-1 0-0 0, Pavlovic 1-3 0-0 2, Smith 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 31-70 13-16 79.

TORONTO (102)

Pietrus 0-4 0-0 0, Davis 9-12 1-4 19, Gray 0-0 0-0 0, Calderon 0-1 0-0 0, DeRozan 11-17 1-1 24, Johnson 7-12 3-3 17, Anderson 2-9 0-0 4, Lowry 0-2 0-0 0, Fields 3-4 1-1 7, Ross 8-14 4-6 26, Acy 0-0 2-2 2, Lucas 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 41-77 12-17 102.

Portland 17 22 22 18 —79
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3-Point Goals—Portland 4-22 (Matthews 2-4, Babbitt 1-4, Lillard 1-5, Claver 0-1, Pavlovic 0-2, Batum 0-6), Toronto 8-23 (Ross 6-9, Lucas 1-2, DeRozan 1-3, Calderon 0-1, Anderson 0-2, Lowry 0-2, Pietrus 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 38 (Aldridge 10), Toronto 45 (Johnson, Davis, Fields 7). Assists—Portland 19 (Lillard 7), Toronto 34 (Calderon 13). Total Fouls—Portland 18, Toronto 20. Technicals—Acy—A—18,117 (19,800).

NFL

Linebacker Lewis ready to retire

Ray Lewis spent 17 seasons instilling fear in his opponents while serving as an inspirational leader for the Baltimore Ravens.

Now he's poised and eager to become a full-time dad.

Lewis announced Wednesday he will end his brilliant NFL career after the Ravens complete their 2013 playoff run.

Lewis has been sidelined since Oct. 14 with a torn right triceps. The 13-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker intends to face the Indianapolis Colts Sunday in what will almost certainly be his final home game.

"Everything that starts has an end," the 37-year-old Lewis said. "For me, today, I told my team that this will be my last ride."

Lewis will walk away from the game because he wants to spend more time with his sons. He intends to see Ray Lewis III perform as a freshman next year for the University of Miami, where the elder Lewis starred before the Ravens selected him in the first round of the 1996 draft.

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NFL

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

Sunday's games

Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 4:30 p.m.

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 12
Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati at Denver, 4:30 p.m.

Washington, Seattle or Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 13
Washington, Seattle or Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Baltimore, Indianapolis or Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 20

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SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 3

At New Orleans

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m.

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QUARTER-FINALS

Wednesday's results
U.S. 7 Czech Republic 0
Russia 4 Switzerland 3 (SO)

SEMIFINALS

Thursday's games — All Times Eastern
Canada vs. U.S., 4 a.m.
Sweden vs. Russia, 8 a.m.
Friday's game (5th place)
Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 8 a.m.

MEDAL ROUND

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Saturday, 4 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL

Saturday, 8 a.m.

RELEGATION BRACKET

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
Finland	2	2	0	0	0	13	1	6
Slovakia	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	2
Germany	2	0	0	1	1	10	1	0
Latvia	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	0

Wednesday's result
Finland 8 Germany 0

Thursday's game
Slovakia vs. Latvia, 6 a.m.

Friday's games
Latvia vs. Germany, 4 a.m.
Finland vs. Slovakia, 8 a.m.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Today's Mercury-Uranus link warns that what you desire the most is unlikely to be good for you, so maybe you need to think about it again. Try to think through what the consequences might be — it could save you a lot of bother later on.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Focus on the big issues today. Don't let little everyday things distract you. Most people seem to enjoy getting caught up in trivial details. But you're not most people, you're a Taurus. Be different.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Whatever else you do over the next 24 hours, you must stay in control of your emotions. If you allow them to get out of hand, you could end up in a place you really don't want to be. Stay calm.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You won't be able to hide your thoughts and feelings today. Your face will betray you even when you think you are lying convincingly. You might as well open up and let the world know what's in your heart.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may be inclined to work harder than ever but it really isn't necessary. Ask yourself, honestly, if there is anything that must be done immediately. Chances are most things can wait a few days.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Although you are feeling pretty dynamic at the moment, you may find it hard to get moving today. Don't let it worry you if nothing much gets done because you will more than make up for it later on.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Stop wasting time and energy thinking about what might have been and start thinking about what still could be if you get your act together right now. The past is over and done with, so focus on the future.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you don't follow the rules today, you could find yourself in a lot of trouble. Be wary of people who try to encourage you to take the kind of risks that even you tend to avoid. They'll lead you astray.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may be a nice guy by nature but you will fight for what you believe and you are certainly no pushover. Who was it who said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"? That's the kind of outlook you need.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be inclined to throw yourself at each and every challenge that comes your way but that's just a waste of time and energy. Choose your battles carefully and aim to win them one at a time.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Rivals and competitors seem determined to give you a hard time but that's OK. You are at your best when it seems as if the world is against you. It's not true, of course, but it does tend to motivate you.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It may seem as if your life is heading down a predestined course but that isn't strictly true. You can change your destiny any time you choose, but first you need to believe that it's possible. Start believing today. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword

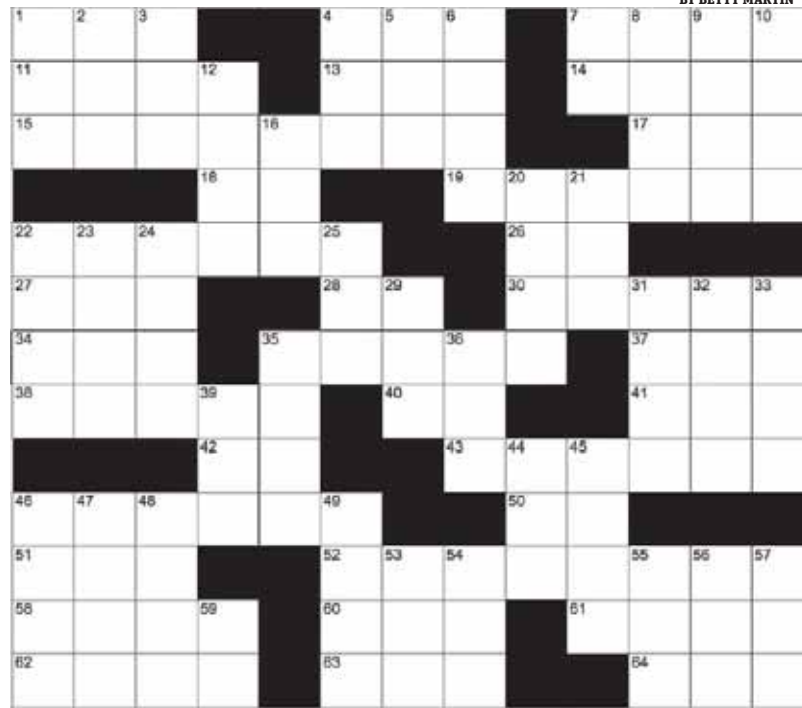
Across

1. Coffee holder
4. Beer holder
7. Intense anger
11. Minerals
13. Opening (anat.)
14. I smell — (2 words)
15. Window shopping
17. Patience — virtue (2 words)
18. First two vowels in a sequence
19. Handbag handles
22. Pancake mixture
26. Battery sz.
27. Spanish cheer
28. Blood type (abbr.)
30. Fencing weapon
34. Actress Maris of Nurses
35. Show gratitude to
37. Ruin
38. Florida city
40. Negative
41. — loss for words (2 words)
42. Chemical suffix
43. Confidential
46. Newcomer
50. Unser of racing
51. Lab eggs
52. Refrains from
58. Yesteryear
60. "The Crying Game" actor
61. Kind of point
62. Monthly exp.
63. Directed
64. Atlas abbr.

Down

1. Corn throwaway
2. YYY posting
3. Prefix meaning recent
4. Japanese carp
5. Shore bird
6. Jokes
7. Egyptian Sun God
8. Diva's solo
9. Sound of fright
10. Greek letters
12. Smack
16. Lay eyes on
20. Chore
21. Not yet cooked
22. Gravy holder
23. Burghoff's co-star
24. Plow puller
25. School cheer
29. Exclude
31. Actor Epps of House, M.D.
32. Hotel posting
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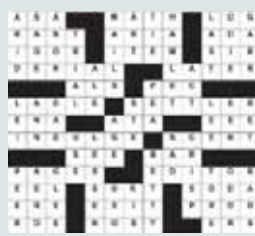


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49. My Name is —
53. Opie's aunt
54. Melancholy
55. Comparative suffix
56. Word with 'waste' and 'want'
57. Fr. holy woman
58. Roger E. Mosley on Magnum, P.I.

Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

See today's answers
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answers.



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	2	8	3	5	9	1	7	6
5	9	3	7	6	1	2	4	8
7	6	1	8	4	2	9	3	5
8	3	7	1	2	5	6	9	4
6	5	2	9	3	4	7	8	1
1	4	9	6	8	7	3	5	2
2	7	4	5	1	3	8	6	9
9	1	8	4	7	6	5	2	3
3	8	5	2	9	6	4	1	7

Weather

TODAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



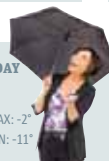
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